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SUPERVISOR
GLORIA MOLINA
FIRST DISTRICT

May 19, 2004

Supervisor Gloria Molina
County of Los Angeles
County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street, Room 856
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisor Molina:

Enclosed for your consideration is a copy of Ordinance No. 579, adopted by the City Council of the City of Irwindale at its meeting of April 20, 2004, directing that General Municipal Elections of the City of Irwindale be held on the first Tuesday of March of even-numbered years.

The City of Irwindale intends to conduct a concurrent election, similar to the election that was conducted in 2001. This election resulted in a turnout of 66%, as compared with 54% at the election immediately preceding this one and, to the best of my knowledge, there were no negative impacts by this election.

I have also enclosed a copy of the City of Irwindale Charter, in which Section 601 references reorganization in even numbered years, at the regular Council meetings held for the purpose of canvassing the results of the General Municipal Election. In adopting Ordinance No. 572, it was the desire of the City Council to bring its elections back into line with its Charter.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I look forward to a favorable response.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Kimbro, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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Enclosures

cc: Steve Blancarte, City Manager, w/o enc.
Camille Diaz, Assistant City Manager, w/o enc.
Fred Galante, City Attorney, w/o enc.
Connie B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk, w/enc.

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ORDINANCE NO. 579

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 496 AND DIRECTING THAT GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF MARCH OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

A. RECITALS

(i) Pursuant to the provisions of the California Government Code and City Council Ordinance No. 496 adopted on February 23, 1995, the general municipal elections for the City of Irwindale presently are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in each odd-numbered year.

(ii) California Elections Code §1301(b) provides that a city council may enact an ordinance requiring its general municipal election to be held on alternate election dates, as specified in said ordinance.

(iii) Pursuant to Elections Code § 1301(b), the City Council desires to cause the municipal elections for the City of Irwindale to be held on the first Tuesday in March of even-numbered years in order to increase voter turnout by having the election on the same day as the statewide primary and, in years divisible by four, the same day as the presidential primary; thereby reducing the number of times voters must go to the polls.

(iv) All legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

B. ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irwindale hereby does ordain as follows:

(i) The City Council hereby finds that the Recitals, at Part A of this Ordinance are true and correct.

(ii) The City Council hereby repeals Ordinance No. 496 adopted on February 23, 1995 in its entirety.

(iii) This Council hereby directs that general municipal elections of the City of Irwindale shall be held on the first Tuesday of March in each even-numbered year.

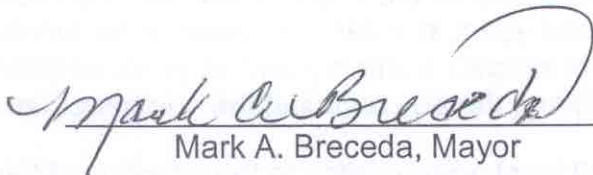
(iv) Those elected officers of the City of Irwindale whose terms of office would have, prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, expired following the March 2005 general municipal election, shall, instead, continue in their respective offices until no later than the third Friday after the general municipal election of the City of Irwindale in accordance with Elections Code § 10403.5.

(v) Those elected officers of the City of Irwindale whose terms of office would have, prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, expired following the March 2007, general municipal election, shall instead, continue in their respective offices until no later than the third Friday after the day of the 2007 general municipal election of the City of Irwindale in accordance with Elections Code § 10403.5.

(vi) The Deputy City Clerk is hereby directed to:

- (a) Cause this Ordinance to be posted in the manner required by law; and
- (b) Within thirty (30) days after this Ordinance becomes operative, cause a notice to be mailed to all registered voters in the City of Irwindale informing them of the change in the general municipal election date effected by this Ordinance, which notice shall be in accord with the requirements specified in California Elections Code §1301.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2004.


Mark A. Breceda, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda J. Kimbro, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } ss.
CITY OF IRWINDALE }

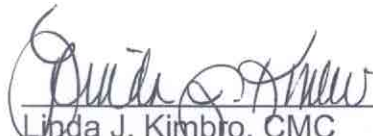
I, Linda J. Kimbro, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Irwindale, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 579 was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the Irwindale City Council held on the 6th day of April 2004, and was duly approved and adopted on second reading at its regular meeting held on the 20th day of April 2004, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: Councilmembers: Tapia, Garcia, Ramirez, Mayor Breceda

NOES: Councilmembers: Miranda

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

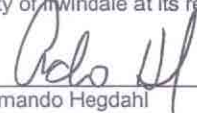
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers: None



Linda J. Kimbro, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Armando Hegdahl, Records Clerk, certify that I caused a copy of Ordinance No. 579 adopted by the City Council of the City of Irwindale at its regular meeting held April 20, 2004, to be posted at the City Hall, Library, and Post Office on April 21, 2004



Armando Hegdahl
Records Clerk

Dated: April 21, 2004